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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)(1)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2002, please reconsider the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Included with this response is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the appropriate fee and Request for an Extension of Time for 3 months under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee. Applicants also note that filed concurrently with this submission is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to revive this unintentionally abandoned application and the appropriate fee.